(i) 20 small automatic exchanges were immobilised for a week.

(ii) 325 long distance Public Telephone were cut off.

(iii) About 3500 telephones remains inoperative for a week.

(iv) 250 route kilometers of trunk alignment have been damaged.

In addition about 30,000 telephones affected in Madras city itself.

90 per cent of interruptions have been restored and the work is in progress for restoration of the remaining installations/circuits.

Offer to Finance Telecommunication Project in Delhi and Bombay by International Consortia

1573. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether offers have been made by three International consortia of telecommunications to finance the telecommunication projects in Delhi and Bombay; nad

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Governments reactions thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s. Alcatel Thomson of France, AT&T and Philips of Holland, M/s. Siemens of Germany and M/s. C. TOH of Japan have offered mixed financial packages consisting of commercial loans and bilateral Government to Government credits for supply of equipments and services for expansion and upgradation of telecommunication networks in general and Delhi and Bombay in particular.

The Government is considering the offers in the light of the 7th Plan allocation of the Department.

Telecommunication Corporations for Calcutta and Bombay

1574. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up two separate telecommunications corporations for Calcutta and Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are details thereof and what will be the advantages and outlay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The Government has not taken any decision in the matter.

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1575. **श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान एच० एम०टी० के कारखाने में कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ और घड़ियों के निर्यात को रोकने में कहां तक सफलता मिली है ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि एच० एम०टी० की घड़ियों के मूल्य विदेशी-घड़ियों विशेष रूप से इलेक्ट्रानिक घड़ियों के मूल्यों के मुकाबले अधिक है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप बड़े पैमाने पर विदेशी-घड़ियों की देश में तस्करी की जा रही है, और

(ग) क्या सरकार उत्पादन में वृद्धि तथा मूल्यों में कमी द्वारा घड़ियों के निर्यात और तस्करी को रोकने हेतु कोई कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

औद्योगिक विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुण चलम) : (क) से (ग) पिछले तीन वर्षों में एच एम० टी० घड़ियों का उत्पादन निम्न प्रकार था :

1982——45.55 लाख;

1983---40.80 लाख

1984---43.75 लाख

एच०एम०टी० घड़ियों की अधिकांशतः सप्लाई घरेलू बाजार को रही है और निर्यात अभी तक मामूली ही रहा है इस समय घड़ियों का घरेलू उत्पादन मांग से कम है। भारतीय बाजार में तस्करी से घड़ियां भी स्थान प्राप्त कर लेती क्योंकि ये करों व शुल्कों से बच जाती है। देशी उत्पादन तथा मांग में अन्तराल को कम करने के लिए प्रयत्न जारी है। अभी हाल ही में एक नई घड़ी फैक्ट्री रानीबाग (नैनीताल) में स्थापित की गई है जिसकी वार्षिक क्षमता 20 लाख घड़ियों के लिये हिस्से पुर्जे निर्माण करने की है। इस एकक ने पहले ही उत्पादन प्रारम्भ कर दिया है और पूर्ण क्षमता प्राप्त करने पर आशा है कि मांग और सप्लाई के अन्तराल को कम करने में इसका महत्वपूर्ण असर होगा।

Disproportionate bulk drug price

1576. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that drug companies declared prices for large number of bulk drugs under Drugs Price Control Order, 1970 totally disproportionate to the actual cost;

(b) if so, what were the prices declared for bulk drugs by Hoechst Glaxo, Cynamide, Pfizre, Burroughs Wellcome, Roche and Morck Sharp and Dhom under Drugs Price Control Order, 1970 as well as the fair prices determined by Government under the provision of Drugs Price Control Order, 1979; and

(c) what are the prices beting charged by these companies at present and what steps Government propose to take to ensure that fair prices are charged by these companies from the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1970 did not contemplate scrutiny of the prices declared by the manufacturers/importers in respect of bulk drugs other than those listed in Schedule I to the said order. Therefore, the relation between the actual cost of production and declared price is not known.

(g) Does not arise.

(c) Details of the bulk drug prices fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 and details of the prices being charged to the extent available are furnished in the attached Statement.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the bulk Drug	Price charged by the Company Kg./Rs.	Price fixed under Drugs (Prices Control) Order 1979
1	2	3	4	5
1	M/s. Glaxo Laboratories	Betamethasone Alcohol*		113·34/gram
		Batamethasone 17 Valerate*		105·85/gram
		Betamethasone Disodium Phosphate*		126·23/gram
		Chlorphensin		206·49/Kg.
		Meclizine Hcl.		832·07/Kg.